

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008 AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE LAMOINE TOWN HALL  
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Christina Harding, Chair; Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Kathleen Rybarz, Faith Perkins  
Members Late: None  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; James S. Boothby, Superintendent, Amy Duym  
Others: Carol Korty, Jo Cooper, Kathleen DeFusco, Kathy Gaianguet, Joanne Lawrence, Wayne Lawrence, Hans Schmidt, Stu Marckoon

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 5/5/08**

**A motion was made** by Faith Perkins, seconded by Robert Pulver, **to accept the Minutes of 5/5/08 as presented.**

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

Amy Duym spoke in support of the Visiting Artist Program, even though we are faced with a budget challenge. Jo Cooper spoke regarding the need to have more education on the school budget process, encouraged the Board to be very clear about the impacts of any program reductions, and the need to know what will happen if the next budget fails. Kathy Gaianguet expressed that she felt very uninformed before the referendum vote and asked for both sides of the discussion. A question was asked as to whether or not the RPC work, and the Commissioner's rejection of Union 92's original proposal, were connected to the reduction in State subsidy. (The public was assured the reduction of subsidy was due to the increase in local valuation combined with the reduction in balance forward.) Other public comments included the statement, "... a strong school will help the community", and the question, "Is there a way to help families who might need assistance in paying increased taxes?" A comment was made to welcome all points of view at the town meeting. Stu Marckoon asked how the defeat of the budget would affect the town establishing the taxation rate for the upcoming year.

#### 4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

No changes

#### 5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

- A. **Chairperson** – Mrs. Harding reported on attending a meeting with Commissioner Gendron at Hancock County Technical Center and shared the discussion from that evening regarding the development of an Alternative Organization Structure to meet the requirements of school reorganization. This could be accomplished using Title 30 of the municipal code.
- B. **Administration**
  - 1. **Principal's Report** – A copy of Mr. Perkins's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.
  - 2. **Superintendent's Report** – A copy of Mr. Boothby's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.
- C. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - 1. **Building Committee** – Robert Pulver reported on the meeting with the architects and with representatives from the teachers. A question from the audience was asked if the project would be using copper pipes or pex tubing? That issue will be researched and reported back at the next meeting.
- D. **Warrant Signatures** – Warrant #12 in the amount of \$246,580.66 was signed by the School Committee.

#### 6. **OLD BUSINESS**

##### A. **Update on Consolidation**

Superintendent Boothby reported on the Alternative Organizational Structure for consolidation, how that would be similar to a School Union with the addition of a central school board, and the State Department of Education providing only one budget and reports for all of the municipalities involved in the A.O.S.

##### B. **Update on Renovation** – See Building Committee Report

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion Regarding Jina's Gym Fund By-Laws**

A discussion was held updating the School Board on the by-laws of the Jina's Gym Fund. Questions were asked regarding the development of the non-profit and what would happen if the Jina's Gym Fund were to dissolve. The School Board will have to vote to transfer the funds to the Jina's Gym Fund non-profit organization. The next meeting of the Jina's Gym Fund will be June 4, 2008.

B. **Discussion of FY 09 Budget**

The Board will be meeting June 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss possible reductions in the budget and to prepare information for the public budget meeting. The Superintendent was asked to prepare cost information if students were to be tuitioned. Conversation centered around considering any and all reductions on the impact to educational opportunities. Child care was encouraged to be provided at the next public meeting and the next town meeting.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. **Board Requests for Information**

None

B. **Board Comments**

None

C. **Future Agenda Items**

- August: Discussion Regarding Cash Handling

- D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. on a motion by Faith Perkins.

Attest: a true record

James S. Boothby  
Secretary